

**Burrishoole Parish**

**January 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> 2022**

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**A New Archbishop**

This Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Francis Duffy will be ordained Archbishop of Tuam. Archbishop Duffy will be the fourth Archbishop since I began studying for the Priesthood some 40 years ago now.

Before going to Maynooth I had to meet with Archbishop Joseph Cunnane for a brief interview. Archbishop Cunnane was a big and naturally shy man of huge intelligence who seemed to be old school. I can't for the life of me remember anything about that particular meeting but, whatever happened, I must have passed as the following September I headed off to Maynooth. Those were the days of full seminaries and once a year the Archbishop Cunnane would meet his students en masse. When the call came, we would gather on the main square of the campus and then after a few awkward moments of greeting march up and down the square on either side of the Archbishop, like a clutch of chickens around a hen.

In 1987, the year before my ordination, Bishop Joseph Cassidy of Clonfert was appointed Archbishop of Tuam. Archbishop Cassidy was effortlessly sociable and gregarious, and he was a gifted communicator. A skilled preacher he had a marvellous turn of phrase and was as comfortable and at ease when speaking with an ordinary parishioner as he was when speaking to the media. Archbishop Cassidy excelled in his role as the Bishops' spokesman and during that time became the very recognisable face of the Irish Church. Archbishop Cassidy is still remembered by the priests of the diocese for the way in which he could turn what seemed like bad news into good news when it came to diocesan changes. Many a priest went into Archbishop's house to receive a new appointment with his mind firmly made up that under no circumstances was he moving to parish X, only to find himself leaving Tuam thanking Archbishop Cassidy profusely for giving him the opportunity to serve in the same parish X. Archbishop Cassidy had that way about him.

On the weekend of Michael Neary's ordination as Archbishop of Tuam the newspapers were full of the news that a priest of the Archdiocese had been arrested for child abuse. The spectre of child abuse, of one scandal after another, cast its dark shadow over much of Archbishop Neary's episcopacy and he will be remembered for his singlemindedness in addressing the issue at diocesan level. It was fitting that one of Michael Neary's last acts as Archbishop was to accept the latest

independent report on Child Safeguarding in the Archdiocese of Tuam which concluded that the structures and processes set up in the Archdiocese to safeguard children are exemplary.

Archbishop Neary's presided over the Archdiocese during perhaps the greatest period of turmoil and change the Church in Ireland has ever faced. During his 27 years as Archbishop the Church has lost its confidence and indeed its moral authority and become just one voice among many. In many ways the Church has also lost the confidence of the ordinary lay faithful. A steep decline in priestly vocations is forcing the Church to look at itself and to imagine new ways of being church. Old clerical-centred structures are no longer fit for purpose.

Archbishop Duffy faces a daunting task. If the Church is to survive, if faith is to thrive, it must invite, encourage and empower all who are baptised to take on a shared responsibility for our Church. If Archbishop Neary presided over a period of change Archbishop Duffy will preside over a period of renewal. Let us assure him of our support and our prayers.

God Bless, Fr Tod

**Archbishop Francis Duffy**

Archbishop Francis Duffy will be installed as Archbishop of Tuam this Sunday at 2.30pm at a ceremony in Tuam Cathedral. Due to the ongoing Covid situation the ceremony will be attended by a very small representative number of people but will be streamed on; [www.tuamparish.com/web-cam](http://www.tuamparish.com/web-cam) Archbishop Duffy is a native of Cavan but has spent the past 10 years serving as Bishop for the diocese of Ardagh and Clonmacnoise which has its Cathedral in Longford.

**Covid 19**

Although not required by current restrictions, in order to keep people as safe as possible we will continue to close off every second pew in each of our churches. You are reminded to use the hand sanitizer on entering the Church and to maintain social distancing at all times. There is no Sunday obligation and we will continue with the current schedule of weekday Masses for the foreseeable future.

**Rising numbers and Self Isolation**

Over recent weeks the numbers testing positive for Coronavirus have risen dramatically. As numbers contracting the disease increase so too does the number of close contacts who need to self-isolate also.

In the event that Fr Tod tests positive or becomes a close contact all weekday and Sunday Masses with a congregation will be cancelled. Mass will continue via Facebook and Youtube.

### Envelope Collection

Thank you for your ongoing support of your parish. Despite limited Mass attendance both the Church and the Priest's Collections are holding up. Envelopes can still be dropped off at the parish house in Newport or in the box provided at the back of Mulranny Church. For those in a position to attend Mass envelopes can be placed in the baskets provided.

The Priest's Christmas Collection (Blue Envelope) will be taken up over the coming weeks. If you would like to donate by cheque, please make your cheque payable to Newport Church Revenue Account. Alternatively, it might suit to donate directly to the Parish bank account; IBAN: IE18 AIBK 9371 6927 5400 04.

### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). If you or someone you know needs support this Christmas, please call our National Support and Referral Line on 0818 222 024 from 8am – 8pm, seven days a week. ALONE operates 365 days a year so we will be there to take your call when you need us most

### ICA Meeting Cancelled

Due to the current health regulations and in the interests of the safety of all, there will be no ICA meeting in Mulranny on January 11. Hopefully, if the general situation improves, we will be able to meet in February.

### Refugee Aid

We keep in our prayers parishioner Jennifer Morice (Acres) who is volunteering for the month of January with the refugees caught up in Calais. She is overwhelmed by the support she has received from the community and will ensure that your generosity reaches those who need it most.

### Parish Magazine 2021

The 2021 edition of the parish magazine is currently available at the usual outlets in Newport and Mulranny. Packed full of accounts of the highlights in business, sporting, social, artistic and cultural happenings during the year, there are also items of local historical interest.

The magazine is on sale in Newport Pharmacy, Keane's Butchers, Ashling's, Kelly's Butchers, Sheridan's Centra, Newport Post Office, Kelly's Garage, Doherty's Mulranny, and Mulranny Post Office. Costs 8 euro

### Funerals

Just a note to remind parishioners that on the occasion of a weekday Funeral the daily Mass on that day will be cancelled.

In the event of a Sunday funeral in Newport, Mass times will change with Mulranny, meaning Mass in Newport will be at 11.30am.

### Remembering our Dead

We pray for the souls of Anne Ferman, Birr, mother of Aileen McNulty, Knockloughra, Winne Cameron, Westport, mother of Fiona Sheridan, Newport and Peter Maye, Galway, father of Rosaleen Kelly, Newport. May they rest in peace

### Mass Schedule

#### 10am Weekday Mass Intentions:

*Mon-Tiernaur, Tues/Thurs-Newport, Fri-Mulranny*  
Our Frontline Workers.

#### Weekend Masses

#### Friday January 7<sup>th</sup> Shramore at 7pm

Elizabeth O Malley, Shramore. John Murray, Shramore

#### Saturday January 8<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm

Jim Long, Glendahurk. Annie Kate Mc Manamon, Sandhill.

#### Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:

The People of the Parish

#### Sunday January 9<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

Fr John Horan, Mulranny

#### Saturday January 15<sup>th</sup> Tiernaur at 7pm:

Annie Chambers, her husband Tom, Knockloughra and deceased members of the Chambers and McCormack families.

#### Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup> Newport at 10am:

Michael Cafferkey, Trienbeg. (1<sup>st</sup> Ann)

#### Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup> Mulranny at 11.30am:

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